

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02108-DLF**

CITIZENS UNITED v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE

Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/16/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/16/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6256558) filed by CITIZENS UNITED. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D, # <u>6</u> Summons to the Attorney General, # <u>7</u> Summons to the State Dept, # <u>8</u> Summons to the US Attorney)(Morgan, Jeremiah) (Entered: 07/16/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS UNITED (Morgan, Jeremiah) (Entered: 07/16/2019)
07/18/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zef, ) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
08/26/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
08/26/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
08/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings on or before September 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 27, 2019. (lcldf2) (Entered: 08/27/2019)

08/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/10/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
09/10/2019	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 09/10/2019)
09/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 10, 2019. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 11, 2019. (lcldf2) (Entered: 09/11/2019)
10/10/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/10/2019)
10/10/2019		ENTERED IN ERROR.....MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the plaintiffs' 66 Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a response on or before October 16, 2019, updating the Court on the status of the proceedings referenced in the plaintiffs' 66 Status Report. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 10, 2019. (lcldf2) Modified on 10/15/2019 (zcal). (Entered: 10/10/2019)
10/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before November 13, 2019, to update the Court on the status of the defendant's searches for responsive records and to propose a schedule for further proceedings. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 10, 2019. (lcldf2) (Entered: 10/10/2019)
10/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Response due by 10/16/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 10/11/2019)
10/15/2019		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Minute Order filed 10/10/2019 setting deadline of 10/16/2019 was entered in error. It was entered in the incorrect case. (zcal) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
11/13/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/13/2019)
11/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before January 13, 2019, and every sixty days thereafter, providing an update on the status of the defendant's productions, until the defendant's processing of the records and final response is complete. At this time, the Court accepts the government's proposed rate of production of 300 pages per month. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 14, 2019. (lcldf2) (Entered: 11/14/2019)
11/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/13/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 11/14/2019)
01/13/2020	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 01/13/2020)
01/13/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before March 13, 2020. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 13, 2020. (lcldf2) (Entered: 01/13/2020)
03/13/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS UNITED. (Morgan, Jeremiah) (Entered: 03/13/2020)
03/16/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before May 12, 2020. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 16, 2020. (lcldf2) (Entered: 03/16/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – Stein Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/02/2020)

04/06/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>11</u> Unopposed Motion to Stay Proceedings, it is ORDERED that the motion is granted. Accordingly, these proceedings are STAYED until further order of this Court. It is further ORDERED that the defendant shall file a status report by May 6, 2020, and every thirty (30) days thereafter, advising the Court whether operations have resumed and, if so, proposing a revised schedule for productions to continue in this case. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 6, 2020. (lcldf2) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
04/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/6/2020 (zjch) (Entered: 04/07/2020)
05/06/2020	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 05/06/2020)
05/06/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before June 5, 2020. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 6, 2020. (lcldf2) (Entered: 05/06/2020)
05/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/5/2020 (zjch) (Entered: 05/07/2020)
06/05/2020	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
07/06/2020	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/06/2020)